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*This is information only. Recommendations aren't mandatory.*

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## Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin alerts you, owners and operators of **Burkhart Grob sailplane models Club Astir II, Standard Astir II, Speed Astir II, and Speed Astir IIB, all serial numbers**, that Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA) has issued Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2003-238/2, dated October 16, 2003 (). This AD requires modification of the canopy jettison system for those airplanes registered for operation in Germany.

*Note: These Grob sailplane models are not type certificated in the United States*

## Background

The College of Aachen (Germany) issued a research report showing that the existing canopy jettison system installed on the above-mentioned gliders can be improved. Grob Service Bulletin numbers MSB306-37/2 and MSB320-08/2 detail this improvement for the above-referenced airplanes. These bulletins include procedures for the replacement of placards and the removal of the canopy jettison operating lever.

**We do not consider this to be an unsafe condition, but a system improvement.**

## Recommendation

Foreign ADs are not considered mandatory actions on U.S. aircraft. We do not issue ADs for sailplanes that do not have a U.S. Type Certificate. However, we recommend all owners and operators comply with actions outlined in the specified service bulletins.

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